1	2	3	4	5
2.	Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in J&K*	—	750.00	1350.00
3.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP)	—	5.00	—
4.	Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP)	5.00	12.00	—
5.	National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	4.50	4.00	—
6.	Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM)#			170.00

*Scheme became operational in J&K w.e.f. 2003-04.

#Schemes at SI. Nos. 3 to 5 merged into Scheme at SI No 6 w.e.f. 1st April, 2004.

Employment melas by CIFNET

2595. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) to hold employment or rozgar melas to find trained and certified crew for imported deep-sea fishing vessels and tuna boats;

(b) the number of such employment melas held by CIFNET of Cochin in the last six weeks;

(c) the number of people who came forward and could be hired as fishing hads and other jobs;

(d) whether it is a fact that CIFNET has agreed to supply adequate crew to all companies operating deep-sea tuna vessels; and

(e) if so, the details of the assurance given by CIFNET and Government to imported tuna boat operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a) above. However, two regular courses viz. mate Fishing Vessel Course and Engine Driver Fishing Vessel Course of 18 months duration each are conducted by CIFNET for manning the large fishing vessels.

Farmers leaving agriculture

2596. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 40 per cent farmers would like to quit agriculture business due to unsafe and low margin to agro-produce, water dependent production as well as unavailability of agriculture loan on lower percentage of interest rate in the country;

(b) if so, Government's views and reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken for improving the current unfavourable atmosphere in the agriculture by keeping in view the poor farmers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA) (a) As per the 59th Round Survey Report of National Sample Survey Organisation submitted in July, 2005,40 per cent of the farmer households to not like farming as a profession as they consider it unprofitable, risky, lacking social status etc. While 27 per cent of the farmer households consider agriculture being not profitable, 8 per cent consider it as **a** risky venture. Remaining 5 per cent dislike it for some other reasons, which also include lack of social status.

(b) and (c) The Government is seized of the problems being faced by the farmers. A number of measures have been taken by the Government to increase production and productivity in agriculture sector as also to raise the farm income by ensuring remunerative prices and thereby reasonable return to them. The measures, inter-alia, include easy and timely availability of institutional credit in a hassle free manner to the farmer at low rate of interest better risk management through implementation of crop insurance